



**Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
- Expedited Examining Procedure -  
Examining Group 1714**

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**Customer No. 01333**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Debasis Majumdar, et al

**SMECTITE CLAY INTERCALATED  
WITH POLYETHER BLOCK  
POLYAMIDE COPOLYMER**

Serial No. 10/008,810

Filed 13 November 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 26, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.